

**DOES ISRAEL'S
DISOBEDIENCE BREAK GOD'S
PROMISES TO ISRAEL**

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In the [Reformed/Calvinist] theological world where people believe in the doctrine of election more strongly than anywhere else, they are more prone to deny Israel's election than anywhere else. In fact, they have come up with the idea that the church, God's new and present elect, receives all the promises once given to Israel. That is, all those Old Testament promises and covenants have been cancelled to Israel because of Israel's apostasy, Israel's unbelief, and Israel's rejection of Christ. So this nation has become permanently set aside, the result being that all of their promises have now come to the church."

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“So how could they [many Calvinists] ever come up with such an idea? Where did it come from? There is not a verse in the Bible anywhere that says the promises of God to Israel have been cancelled and the church is the new Israel. You can’t find that in the Bible.”

“However, Reformed theology, as such, is hard pressed to prove the point. And, in fact, Reformed exegesis, that is the discipline of interpreting the Scripture, works very hard, I think, to manipulate the Scripture to avoid the obvious. They have come up with a view called Amillennialism which says there is no [future] kingdom for Israel, and for that matter there is no earthly Kingdom period.”

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“JESUS CHRIST HAS COME INTO THE WORLD AS THE JEWISH MESSIAH, AND HIS OWN PEOPLE REJECTED HIM AND BROKE COVENANT WITH THEIR GOD.”

“Even though Jesus was the Messiah and did many mighty works and taught with great authority and fulfilled Old Testament promises, nevertheless the people of Israel as a whole rejected him. This was the most serious covenant breaking disobedience that Israel ever committed in all her history.”

“Israel has broken covenant with her God and is living today in disobedience and in unbelief in his Son and her Messiah. That is why Paul says in Romans 11:28, “As regards the gospel(the good news of the Messiah) they are enemies of God.”

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“THE PROMISES MADE TO ABRAHAM, INCLUDING THE PROMISE OF LAND, WILL BE INHERITED AS AN EVERLASTING GIFT ONLY BY TRUE, SPIRITUAL ISRAEL, NOT DISOBEDIENT, UNBELIEVING ISRAEL.”

“In other words, the promises cannot be demanded by anyone just because he is Jewish. Jewish ethnicity has a place in God’s plan, but it is not enough to secure anything. It does not in itself qualify a person to be an heir of the promise to Abraham and his offspring. Being born Jewish does not make one an heir of the promise—neither the promise of Land nor any other promise.”

“Throughout the history of Israel, covenant breaking and disobedience and idolatry disqualified Israel from the present divine right to the Land.” (Daniel 9:4-7, Ps. 78:54-61)

DEPORTATIONS OF ISRAEL FROM HER LAND

- **Assyrian - 722 BC - Northern Kingdom**
- **Babylonian - 605 BC - Southern Kingdom**
- **Roman - 70 AD - Jerusalem & Judea**
- Return to Israel under king Cyrus, the great in 539BC
- **Zerbabbel- 538BC**
- **Ezra- 439 BC**
- **Nehemiah - 445BC**
- **UN Resolution - May 14, 1948**

UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT

The Abrahamic Covenant is Unconditional

- Genesis 12:1-2 - “I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing, and I will bless them that bless thee and I will curse him that curses thee, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”
- Genesis 17:7-8 - “I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God...”
- Genesis 48:4 “Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you and...will give this land to our offspring after you for an everlasting possession.”

Civilizations, nations and empires that have
tried to destroy the Jewish People:

NATION	STATUS
Ancient Egypt	X - GONE
Philistines	X - GONE
Assyrian Empire	X - GONE
Babylonian Empire	X - GONE
Persian Empire	X - GONE
Greek Empire	X - GONE
Roman Empire	X - GONE
Byzantine Empire	X - GONE
Crusaders	X - GONE
Spanish Empire	X - GONE
Nazi Germany	X - GONE
Soviet Union	X - GONE
Iran	???

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The Jewish People
The smallest of nations
but with a friend
in the highest of places!
So ... BE NICE!

A t-shirt seen in
Israel while on
vacation.

EVERLASTING COVENANT

The Abrahamic Covenant is
Unconditional & Ethnic

Genesis 15:18 - “on that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying ‘**To your offspring** I will give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates.’...”

Genesis 17:7-8 “I will establish my covenant between me and you and **your offspring** after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to **your offspring** after you. And I will give to your and to **your offspring** after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God...

Genesis 28:13- (to Jacob) “And behold, the Lord...said, I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Issac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to **your offspring...**”

WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES SAY?

Joshua 1

Ezra 6

Nehemiah 2

Jeremiah 31

JOSHUA 1:2-6

- **40 years wandering in the wilderness**
- **Israelites 20 years and older died in the wilderness- Numbers 14:29, Joshua 5:5-6**
- **12 Spies - 10 unfaithful - Two faithful - Numbers 13**
- **Yet - God gave them the land of Israel - Joshua 1:2-6**

NEHEMIAH 2:20

A. Zerubbabel (538BC) (Ezra ch. 1-2) 49,690 returned

B. Ezra (439BC) 1,750 returned

C. Nehemiah (445BC) returnees not mentioned

The number of believers in Israel was very small

The number of believers world-wide was very small!

Nehemiah 2:20 “I answered them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it.”

JEWISH BELIEVERS TODAY?

Today the number of Jewish believers is growing dramatically.

- a. 300,000 messianic Jews world-wide**
- b. 150 messianic congregations in Israel (2011)**
- c. 30,000 messianic believers in Israel**
- d. Estimated 161,000 Israeli believers in Jesus (all denominations).**
- e. Estimated 700,000 Jewish believers world-wide!**
- f. Jewish ministries estimate that 8,000 Jews trust Christ each year.**

JEREMIAH

Israel was taken into Babylonian Captivity two years before chapters 30-32 were written.

Jeremiah from Chapters 1-29 warned Israel of the coming Babylonian Captivity.

Israel had forsaken her God, and turned to idolatry.

Yet, God inspires Jeremiah to pen words about the New Covenant.

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

New Covenant

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

JEREMIAH 31:35-37

Jeremiah 31:35-37 - “Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The Lord of hosts is His name): “If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the Lord, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever.” Thus says the Lord: “If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the Lord.”

PSALM 89:34

“my covenant will I not break nor will I alter the thing that is gone out of my mouth. Once I have sworn by my holiness that I will not lie...”

ROMANS 11:1

“I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.”

ROMANS 11:28-29

Romans 11:28-29 - “Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable (without repentance.)”

WHY ISRAEL IS IN THE LAND?

God has brought Israel back into the Land in unbelief as a partial fulfillment of endtime prophecy - Ezek. 36:24, 37:1-14.

God is renewing, refining, and drawing His people to Him in faith.

God has brought them back as a foretaste of the fulfillment of even greater promises in the future.

God's divine protection of Israel through its wars with her Arab neighbors is proof of God's faithfulness.